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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A key inventory chest comprising:
 - a) a case having a docking port formed therein and including first means for attaching said case to a carrying element;
 - b) a tag including second means for attaching said tag to keys, said tag further including a docking button, spaced apart from said second means, of a size and shape for lockable engagement in said docking port to temporarily fasten said keys in said case wherein said second means is the combination of a small aperture through which a locking ring is threaded; and,
 - c) wherein said docking button is arranged for snap-in fitting and locking into said docking port and releasable therefrom by digital pressure applied to said button.
2. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case contains a single docking port and said docking port and said docking button are generally mutually planar for complete interfitting thereof.
3. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case contains a plurality of docking ports and said docking ports and said docking buttons are spaced-apart and generally mutually planar for complete interfitting thereof.
4. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall triangular outline.
5. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall circular outline.
6. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall elongated outline.
7. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall elongated outline and contains means for attaching more than one case

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together in end-to-end fashion.

8. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case further includes a side loop for holding other keys.
9. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is circular in outline and said docking ports are circular and of equal size.
10. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said first means to attach said case to a carrying element is a belt clip.
11. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said first means to attach said case to a carrying element is a wall mount.
12. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said second means includes a circular wire winding.
13. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said docking button is supported on said tag by a spring extending therebetween.
14. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said carrying element is a wall plaque and said case is attachable to said wall plaque.
15. (Withdrawn) A key inventory chest comprising:
 - a) a case having first and second docking ports formed therein, in spaced-apart arrangement, and including first means for removeably attaching said case to a carrying element; and,
 - b) first and second tags, each said tag including second means for loosely attaching said tag to a finger-holding portion of standard keys, said tags further including docking buttons, each said tag spaced apart from said second means, and of a size and shape for temporary lockable engagement in said first and second docking ports, respectively, to temporarily fasten said keys to said case;
 - c) wherein said docking buttons are arranged for snap-in fitting and locking into said first and second docking ports, respectively, and releasable therefrom by digital

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pressure applied to said buttons.

16. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 further including a second case for interconnection with said first case.

17. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 16 further including a second case for interconnection with said first case through interconnection of a docking button with a docking port.

18. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 wherein said first and second docking ports lie in a common plane passing through said case.

19. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 wherein said case is elongated and said docking ports are arranged in side-by-side order therealong.

20. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 further including a label site adjacent said docking port and further wherein the label site may be on the tag.